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LOW FINANCES PROBLEM FOR ROWING CLUBS

Lack Necessary Funds to Move Quarters to Make Room for Aquatic Park

Ariels, South Ends, Dolphins Meet to Discuss Recent Vacating Order

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At a meeting of San Francisco's three rowing clubs Wednesday night in the Dolphin boathouse at the foot of Van Ness avenue, the site of the future aquatic park, now under construction, it was disclosed that these athletic institutions, which have been ordered moved within thirty days, are not in a financial position to comply with the vacate order.

A gathering of several hundred men of all ages and walks of life were on hand to discuss the future life and welfare of the clubs, which are linked so closely with the city's athletic history. Bankers, business men and clerks spoke and expressed their views on the subject that means life or death to these three boat clubs.

SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM PARK BOARD

Even in the seriousness of the situation good old Irish wit came to the fore to provide the only laugh of the evening. One of the members, who had been before the Park Commission and asked for assistance in transferring the boathouses from the present site to the foot of Hyde street, was telling of the courteous reception and expressions of good will received from the Park Commission. Mike Desmond, the hero of last year's Chronicle Golden Gate swim, interrogated the speaker on this subject, who replied that the attitude of the board seemed very favorable. Mike's comeback was: "Never mind the attitude; did they say anything about money."

The legality of the vacating order was brought up, and the heads of the boat clubs admitted that they could, if they wished, stop the work for at least a year, but they stated that they did not want one of their membership to put any obstruction in the path of the aquatic park, which they characterized as the fruits of several years' hard work.

Tentative plans were made and committees appointed to arrange for the moving of the boathouses to the foot of Hyde street, which will be a temporary location. It is the present intention of the rowing organizations to move back again to the foot of Van Ness avenue, just west of Aquatic park.